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Collider-Accelerator Department
Worker Occupational Safety and Health Committee

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T*o*: WOSH Committee and Guests

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Subject: Minutes for 12/11/07 - WOSH Committee Meeting

Members: M. Bannon*, J. Beebe-Wang*, S. Bugros*, J. Carlson, R. Conte, J. Cupolo*, D. Derryberry*, F. Dusek, J. Guercio*, W. Lamar*, C. Liaw, J. Montalto, J. Nicolellis, D. Oldham*, J. Piacentino, S. Pontieri*, M. Sardzinski, W. Shaffer, T. Shrey*, M. Sivertz, L. Snydstrup, P. Sparrow, D. Steski, F. Teich*, W. Venegas*, L. Vogt* and D. Weiss.

Guests: P. Zimmerman

The primary focus of the WOSH meeting was to provide an update by the BNL Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) Working Group to the WOSH Committee Members and guests. The main topic presented was the issue of purchasing PPE and personnel not wearing it. It was stated that a percentage of people are not wearing their PPE. Personnel need to discipline themselves to wearing it especially when working alone. All work is planned and PPE requirements are part of the planning process.

The subject of hand injuries was also discussed such as cafeteria workers and knives. Gloves are bulky hence; the workers are not wearing them. It was suggested that they procure automated dicers and slicers possibly reducing hand injuries due to cuts.

- Cuts on the hand equates to $2700.00 per injury.

Another subject voiced in the meeting was getting safety related issues from walkthroughs and Tier I's addressed / resolved by the Laboratory's other departments. They are not responding in a timely manner, resolutions are delayed, too much time passes from notification to resolving safety issues.

Cold weather safety, cafeteria workers and their safety, sports related injuries, softball, auto injuries driving to home from work, were all mentioned as concerns and are included in our (lab's) injury statistics, affecting ultimately C-AD without having direct control over their mitigation. We need to deal and address these accidents although they are not part of actual department work.

The improper use or wrong tool selection for the job was also discussed. It has been observed that either the wrong tools are being used to do a job or an improper tool for the job is being used. Eventually this will lead to an accident or injury because of the situation. It is prudent for the responsible individual (s) to use tools for the function they were designed to perform to minimize risk of injury.

*Denotes not in attendance

Questions:

1. Cafeteria and other workers external to C-AD are included in our statistics. For example individuals walking back and forth from offices to cars who slip and fall on ice.

Look into golashes, grippers, overshoe for individuals to wear back and forth to cars.

Closing Meeting Comments:

Do not be complacent regarding work and PPE. If we are buying the PPE for particular tasks or jobs wear it. If the work planned requires the use of PPE, wear it. There have been instances of cuts to the hands because of not wearing gloves. Eye injuries because of not wearing safety eyeglasses. There seems to be no oversight of safety requirements on some jobs and injuries are recurring. Line management needs to talk, reinforce, re-train individuals with recurring injuries, and have accountability. Engineer the job to make it safer where appropriate. Overconfidence by more experienced people can lead to not wearing the appropriate PPE creating a potential for injury. PPE rules and requirements are for everyone's safety.

We would like to remind WOSH members to bring this information back to their respective groups for discussion during their weekly safety meetings

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